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SUBJECT: REPORT ON AGREEMENT BY IRAN TO BUY SOUTH AFRICAN
URANIUM

1. ARTICLE IN SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 WASHINGTON POST NOTED
THAT IRAN AND SOUTH AFRICA WERE ABOUT TO SIGN AGREEMENT
INVOLVING IRANIAN PURCHASE OF 14,000 TONS OF URANIUM OXIDE
(WORTH ABOUT \$700 MILLION) FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND IRANIAN
FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ENRICH-
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MENT FACILITY. ARTICLE NOTED THAT IRAN HAS SAID PUBLICLY

THAT IT INTENDED TO HAVE 20 ATOMIC POWER PLANTS OPERATING BY THE END OF THE CENTURY. PARTICIPATION BY IRAN IN SOUTH AFRICA'S ENRICHMENT PLANT IS REPORTED TO BE CENTRAL ELEMENT IN URANIUM OXIDE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

2. WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE PARALLELS SIMILAR REPORT IN OCTOBER 2 EDITION OF NUCLEONICS WEEK, THE MAJOR TRADE JOURNAL ON NUCLEAR MATTERS.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS POSTS' COMMENTS SOONEST ON ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STATUS AND/OR DETAILS ON ANY SUCH AGREEMENT.

4. COPIES OF WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEE POSTS. KISSINGER

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